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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The amended claims supersede and replace the existing claims currently on file.

1.    (canceled)

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45.    (Canceled)

46.    (Currently Amended)    ~~The method of claim 15, whereby said processing unit clearly identifies the processing unit as the sender of the email, but not the originator of the email , in the form of an email to said intended recipient.~~ The method for registering and certifying an electronic message, said method comprising the steps of:  a client accessing a website and establishing a registration account; a processing unit accepting said registration account; said processing unit assigning a code to said registration account of said client; said client selecting a service request; said service request further comprising that said client's identity be withheld from the intended recipient; said processing unit receiving said service request from said client;  said processing unit resending said electronic message to said intended recipient as identified by said client in said registration account; said processing unit notifying said intended recipient that said electronic message that said electronic message has been sent of behalf of said client by said processing unit; said processing unit confirming the

date said electronic message was received by said intended recipient; said
intended recipient choosing whether or not to post a reply for said client with said
processing unit; said processing unit accepting said reply, if posted; said
processing unit creating a confirmation record; said processing unit creating a
digital certificate containing the information of said confirmation record; said
processing unit archiving said digital certificate information; and said processing
unit sending said client said digital certificate.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, whereby the processing unit
clearly identifies a constant and verifiable email address of said processing unit
and verifiable contact information of said processing unit, in said email to said
intended recipient.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, whereby said intended
recipient is notified that said intended recipient may choose to post a reply with
said processing unit for the originator of said electronic message.

49. (canceled)

50. (new) The method for registering and certifying an electronic message, said
method comprising the steps of: a client accessing a website and establishing a
registration account; a processing unit accepting said registration account; said
processing unit assigning a code to said registration account of said client; said
client selecting a service request; said service request further comprising that the
content of said client's electronic message be verified by said processing unit;

said processing unit receiving said service request from said client; said

processing unit verifying said content of said electronic message; said

processing unit resending said electronic message to said intended recipient as

identified by said client in said registration account; said processing unit notifying

said intended recipient that said electronic message that said electronic message

has been sent of behalf of said client by said processing unit; said processing

unit confirming the date said electronic message was received by said intended

recipient; said intended recipient choosing whether or not to post a reply for said

client with said processing unit; said processing unit accepting said reply, if

posted; said processing unit creating a confirmation record; said processing unit

creating a digital certificate containing the information of said confirmation record;

said processing unit archiving said digital certificate information; and said

processing unit sending said client said digital certificate.

51. (new) The method of claim 50, whereby the processing unit clearly identifies

a constant and verifiable email address of said processing unit and verifiable

contact information of said processing unit, in said email to said intended

recipient.

52. (new)  The method of claim 50,  whereby said intended recipient is notified

that said intended recipient may choose to post a reply with said processing unit

for the originator of said electronic message.